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SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, probably I could use an attorney's language here. I think we are of the moot question. The bill is properly introduced by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and the required number of people have signed it. This is merely an addition of names and so I think, let's stop the argument here and either let them sign it as people or as additional co-signers to the bill or not. It will go in one way or the other anyhow so why don't we just get it over with.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: What is the last light. Do you want to close, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, you know, it is really silly I think to be fighting over this. We have always has a custom in here on bills that senators that want to add their name generally just say I'd ask like unanimous consent to add my name. Senator Chambers has done it. Senator Chambers, I have done it on his bills. And so I see no reason to be haggling this early in the session particularly. I think we could get along. This bill has been worked on and everybody has had a part in it to some degree or other, from sentiment from their people or whatever. I will just close by saying if you will recall when I was talking about a perfect one or the perfect one, I have yet to ever mention the name of that person. That person simply presumed he was the one.

PRESIDENT: You are out of order, Senator Murphy. He wasn't talking about you. As one with a bad voice, I know you are not perfect. The question is, shall this Rule be suspended, Rule 5, 4? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 7 nays on the suspension, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Rule is suspended. Now the second question. The Clerk will read it again first.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I request a point of clarification so that we all understand. This is a Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee bill as Senator Mills and Senator Duis correctly pointed out so the names of those individuals certainly would not count as a bill against them. It would only count, then, it would seem to me quite logically against those additional members that want to add their name. Does that make sense to you?

PRESIDENT: I am not sure that is a question for the Chair to determine. That question may remain open for any member to challenge on the introduction of a bill later in the session. We still have before us the question of suspension of this Rule. You are saying, do we even need it?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am saying do we even need to raise the issue, you know.

PRESIDENT: Well, that is up to you.